

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have approached Pakistan on the issue of granting visas to Indian journalists to cover Afghanistan developments;
- (b) if so, the response of Pakistan thereto; and
- (c) the number of Indian media persons (both print and electronic) issued visas so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) The question of grant of visa to Indian journalists to cover developments in Afghanistan was taken up with Government of Pakistan at various levels including by our High Commissioner in Islamabad with the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan.

(b) & (c) As per information available with Government, no Indian journalist (holding Indian passport) was issued visa by government of Pakistan after 11th September, 2001.